

Sight And Sound Impaired of St Louis SUMMARY AUGUST 2013

The August meeting started with folks visiting and enjoying the delicious coffee, cookies and donuts that was provided by Torri Ryder and Victoria Foster. Thank You Torri and Victoria! SASISTL would, like to welcome guests Jane and Joe Fischetti and Thomas Reece, husband of Bessie Reece. SASISTL would also like to welcome back the Rennekamp family, who has not been able to attend for a while. Welcome and we hope to see you again soon.

Members Information- The August birthdays were celebrated for: Cindy Daurenheim, Corinne Glaus, Herman Roberts and Thomas Reece. Mike and Mary Hale celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary this month also. Megan Carter passed her final exam for her doctorate in audiology and Mark Larson was ordained as a Lutheran minister this month. Congratulations to all!

Anyone wishing to participate in the Walk 4 Hearing to be held on October 5th, by joining the walk or supporting our walkers with a donation, can contact Karl Cook- 314-965-5301 or Megan Carter- 513-602-7720 for Information on the walk. Also the MCB (Missouri Council of the Blind) convention will be held at the Sheraton Westport at Westport Plaza in October. For information go to- MoBlind.org.

The Member of the Month was Kim Brown. Thank you Kim for sharing your story about your life. As always it is interesting to learn more about each other.

Members Feedback Corner- Some suggestions: Field trips, which SASISTL would need more volunteers to make this possible. Perhaps to have no meetings in the summer months and also to have another show and tell hands on meeting.

July 1st was when we started collecting dues for the 2013-2014 year. The annual dues are only \$2 for each person. These dues signify your desires to want to belong and be a part of Sight And Sound Impaired of St Louis. If you have not paid your dues, you can mail to Mary Hale, 54 Lemay Gardens Dr, St Louis, MO 63125. Please note: to be considered as a member for the upcoming Holiday Party on November 9th, your dues will need to be paid no later October 9th. All non-members will need to pay the full price at the Holiday Party [more info to come about this later].

We are still collecting pull tabs from soda cans. These will be turned in to help support the St. Louis Ronald McDonald house, which helps families of sick children when they are in the hospital. So far we have collected about 3 ½ empty milk gallon containers. Thanks to everyone who has helped us so far. SASISTL lending library has dvds, books in regular and large print and audio books. Currently we have a resource list available in braille format. The focus of this library is on info that can be of help to someone with deafness and / or

blindness. Donated items are welcomed. For any questions or information please call Donna Neal- 314-533-3409.

Thanks to so many for the successful 50-50 raffle for this month which collected \$ 92. The winner was guest Jane Fischetti received \$46. Congratulations Jane!

Our guest speaker today was Patti Mitchell. Patti is a Licensed Professional Counselor from O'Fallon, Mo, who is also blind herself. Patti talked about how one copes with being blind and the challenges that a blind person has and will face in everyday life. SASISTL recorded her presentation and it will be available on CD in our Lending Library. We thank Patti so much for taking the time to come and talk with us.

Next month's meeting is September 21st. Guest speaker will be Megan Carter, an audiologist, who will speak on hearing loss and hearing aids. This will be a great time to learn what is new for hearing aids and how they can help you.

PLEASE NOTE- Due to a conflict, the November Holiday Party will be held on the SECOND Saturday of the month, November 9th this year.

A great big THANK YOU to all SSPs and family members for the generous support of your time and help, for without you SASISTL meetings would not be possible.

**Linda Taylor,
Secretary, SASISTL**